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For: DEVICE FOR CLEANSING THE)
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JP 1-154894 - This document is cited in the English-language translation of the Notice of Rejection submitted herewith.

JP 04-170925 - An English-language Abstract of this document has been submitted herewith. In addition, this document is cited in the translation of the Notice of Rejection.

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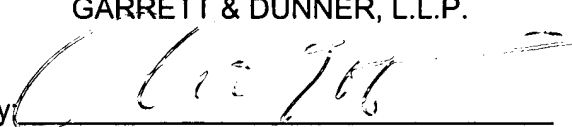
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